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1. SUMMARY. MI YUNG, DIRECTOR OF THE PRC'S FOREIGN EXPERTS BUREAU, HELD A SECOND MEETING WITH SEVERAL FOREIGN EXPERTS EMPLOYED BY THE PRC GOVERNMENT AND DISCUSSED PRC CENSORSHIP OF FOREIGN NEWS MAGAZINES. ACCORDING TO THE EXPERTS, THE ATMOSPHERE HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY, INDICATING THAT HIGHER AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN A DIRECT INTREST IN THE FOREIGN EXPERTS LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN PROTESTING "VIOLATIONS OF THE PRC CONSTITUTION." END SUMMARY.

2. IN CONTRAST TO AN EARLIER HEATED MEETING BETWEEN MI YUN, DIRECTOR OF THE PRC'S FOREIGN EXPERTS BUREAU, AND FOREIGN EXPERTS EMPLOYED BY THE PRC GOVERNMENT (REF A), CONFIDENTIAL

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A MORE RECENT MEETING RESULTED IN A CONSIDERABLE EASING OF TENSION. OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, SEVERAL FOREIGN EXPERTS HAVE WRITTEN PRC AUTHORITIES COMPLAINING OF MAIL CENSORSHIP, LETTER INSERTS, AND LONG DELAYS IN RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL MAIL AS "VIOLATIONS OF THE PRC CONSTITUTION." THE PROTEST WAS TOUCHED OFF BY THE REMOVAL OF A SIMON LEYS

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ARTICLE FROM THE MARCH 27 ISSUES OF NEWSWEEK (REF B).

3. MI TOLD THE EXPERTS THAT THE PRC AUTHORITIES REALIZED THAT NEWSWEEK IS FOR "INTERNAL REFERENCE" BY THE EXPERTS. HE SAID THAT A NAME LIST OF FOREIGN EXPERTS WAS BEING GIVEN TO PRC POSTAL AUTHORITIES SO FUTURE ISSUES WOULD BE SENT UNTOUCHED. MI SAID THAT THE SITUATION HAD ALREADY IMPROVED. "IN THE OLD DAYS, WE USED TO CONFISCATE ENTIRE ISSUES OF NEWS MAGAZINES. NOW, WE ONLY RIP OUT THE OFFENDING PAGES."

4. THE EXPERTS ALSO PROTESTED THE CENSORSHIP OF PERSONAL MAIL, LONG DELAYS (UP TO THREE MONTHS) IN RECEIVING INTERNATIONAL AIR MAIL FROM THE US AND THE INCLUSION OF MAIL INSERTS CRITICAL OF THE CURRENT LEADERSHIP. MI SAID THAT THE MAIL INSERTS CAME FROM "ENEMY AGENTS" IN THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE AND NOT FROM WITHIN CHINA. THESE "ENEMY AGENTS" ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MALE SENT TO THE PRC FROM ADDRESSES IN THE US, HE MAINTAINED.

5. AGAIN, THE EXPERTS URGED MI TO MEET WITH THE SEVERAL HUNDRED FOREIGN EXPERTS WHO LIVE IN THE FRIENDSHIP GUEST HOUSE TO HEAR COMPLAINTS. MI WAS NONCOMMITTAL.

6. THE EXPERTS FEEL THAT THE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN TO PRC OFFICIALS HAS NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY HITHER PRC AUTHORITIES. MI YUN'S SUDDEN CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
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AND HIS INCREASED ACCESSIBILITY TO FOREIGN EXPERTS SUGGESTS THAT MI HAS BEEN ORDERED TO RESOLVE COMPLAINTS AND IMPROVE THE ATMOSPHERE TO FACILITATE THE EXPECTED INFLUX OF LARGE NUMBERS OF NEW EXPERTS.

7. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL FOREIGN EXPERTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN LOCATING THE FOREIGN EXPERTS BUREAU ALSO HOUSED IN THE CAVERNOUS FRIENDSHIP GUEST HOUSE. ITS LOCATION HAD BEEN A CAREFULLY KEPT SECRET. TO DATE, THE BUREAU HAS NOT RELOCATED ITS OFFICES WHICH HAS BEEN DONE SEVERAL TIMES IN THE PAST ONCE THE OFFICE LOCATION BECAME KNOWN TO THE EXPERTS.
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